

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The present invention provides a spacing apparatus for use with radiation
therapy devices, and in particular, for use with a brachytherapy device. The spacing
apparatus is useful in that the instrument is effective to limit the amount of radiation
that comes into contact with the sensitive tissue proximate to the extraction site, and
thereby protect sensitive tissue from overheating or hotspots, and/or protect against
radiation exposure outside of the patient's body which may affect healthcare providers
or others who might come close to the patient. In particular, the spacing apparatus is
10 effective to control the proximity of a brachytherapy device to the outer surface of the
sensitive tissue proximate to a surgical extraction site.

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